

<b>COMPATIBLE GROUPING</b>	Animals housed in the same primary enclosure or near other primary enclosures must be compatible. [3.7, 3.33, 3.58, 3.81 3.109, 3.133]
<b>Animals housed in same primary enclosure</b>	Animals housed in the same primary enclosure must be compatible.
<b>Criteria</b>	<p>Animals are <b>incompatible</b> if one or more of the following criteria are present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sick animals with communicable diseases, such as upper respiratory infections or ringworm, housed with healthy animals</li> <li>• overly aggressive or vicious behavior</li> <li>• evidence of extensive wounds, especially around neck and face</li> <li>• ruffled or thin hair coat with signs of skin trauma, e.g., scratches or bites</li> <li>• access to food, water and/or shelter restricted by another animal</li> </ul>
<b>Species Specific</b>	<p><b>Dogs &amp; Cats</b>          The following animals may be housed together:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• females in heat with males for the purpose of breeding [3.7(a)]</li> <li>• puppies or kittens 4 months of age or less with adults if: [3.7(c)]             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>with the dam, or</li> <li>with a foster dam, or</li> <li>in a permanent compatible breeding colony</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Dogs and cats may be housed with other species <b>only</b> if all the animals are compatible. [3.7(d)]</p> <p><b>Guinea Pigs &amp; Hamsters</b>  <i>Guinea Pigs</i>          Guinea pigs must <b>not</b> be housed with any other species of animal. [3.33(b)]</p>

Preweanling guinea pigs must be housed **only**: [3.33(a)]

- with the dam alone, or
- in harem breeding colonies

Guinea pigs under quarantine or treatment for a communicable disease must be housed separately from other guinea pigs, hamsters or susceptible animals. [3.33(c)]

#### *Hamsters*

Hamsters must **NOT** be housed with any other species. [3.33(b)]

Nursing females with litters must **not** be housed with other hamsters. [3.28(b)(3)(ii)]

Hamsters under quarantine or treatment for a communicable disease must be housed separately from other hamsters, guinea pigs, or susceptible animals. [3.33(c)]

#### **Rabbits**

Rabbits must **NOT** be housed with any other species **except** for justified scientific reasons. [3.58(a)]

**Exception:** If a dealer wants to house rabbits with any other species, such as in a mixed species exhibits, he/she must obtain a variance from the AC Regional Director.

The variance request must:

- be in writing
- explain why the animals are being housed together
- contain a description of the housing or exhibit area
- describe safety measures taken to protect the rabbit from injury or harassment by the other animals
- be sent to the appropriate Animal Care Regional Office

#### **Nonhuman Primates**

Social grouping must be addressed in the facility's Environmental Enhancement Plan. [3.81(a)]

When possible, nonhuman primates must be housed in compatible social groups.

	<p><b>Exception:</b> The following nonhuman primates may be housed separately: [3.81(a)(1) and 3.81(a)(2)]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• animals exhibiting vicious or overly aggressive behavior [3.81(a)(1)]</li> <li>• debilitated animals, e.g., aged, arthritic, sick and/or infirmed [3.81(a)(1)]</li> <li>• animals with contagious disease [3.81(a)(2)]</li> </ul> <p>Individually housed nonhuman primates must be able to see and hear other nonhuman primates. [3.81(a)(3)]          NOTE: Attending veterinarian may modify this requirement for the health, safety, or well-being of the animal. [3.81(a)(3)]</p> <p><b>Marine Mammals</b>          RESERVED-Pending approval of negotiated rules.</p>
<p><b>Animals housed near other animals</b></p> <p><b>Criteria</b></p>	<p>Animals housed near each other must be compatible. [3.133]</p> <p>Animals housed near other animals may be <b>incompatible</b> if the following behaviors are noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• cowering in corner or hiding</li> <li>• excessive pacing</li> <li>• excessive vocalization</li> <li>• off feed</li> <li>• self-mutilation such as biting</li> <li>• lack of normal socialization with other animals</li> </ul> <p>Animals that can see or have access to each other <b>may be incompatible</b> if there is interference with any animal's health and well-being including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• disease transmission, such as bordatella between guinea pigs and rabbits, or pseudomonas between dogs and primates</li> <li>• fighting through common barriers such as chain link fences</li> <li>• inadequate space for flight, comfort, or hiding</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Inspector should use professional judgment in determining</p>

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incompatibility in a specific situation, such as a predatory species being housed near a prey species.

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